GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production, domestic consumption and export of sugar during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, separately;

(b) the gap between the demand and production of sugar;

(c) whether the export of sugar is declining year after year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether any target has been fixed for production export of sugar for the next year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The total production, domestic consumption and export of sugar during the sugar seasons 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under: -

Sugar season (Oct. - Sept.)	Production (In lakh tonnes)	Domestic Consumption (In lakh) tonnes	Export (In lakh tonnes)
1999-2000	181.93	155.08	0.23(P)
2000-2001	176.71(P) (Upto 23.07.2001)	145.84 (Upto Aug`2001)	8.11(P) (Upto15.07.2001)

(P) - Provisional

(b): There was no gap between internal consumption and production of sugar. On the other hand, the production of sugar was more than the internal requirement of sugar.

(c),(d),(e), & (f): The export of sugar depends upon the production, requirement of sugar for internal consumption, prices of sugar in the international market and the surplus availability of sugar in the country. Due to decline in production of sugar in the 1996-97 & 1997-1998 sugar seasons, no commercial exports of sugar were allowed. Due to high level of production during 1998-1999 & 1999-2001, 10 lakh tonnes of sugar was allowed for commercial exports. With the high level of production estimated during 2000-2001, the Government have removed quantitative restriction on export of sugar w.e.f. 01.04.2001.

Till 23.07.2001, 8.11 lakh tonnes of sugar (provisional) has been exported as per the information received from various trade circles.